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IMMEDIATE PLEASE DELIVER TO EUR/SOV AT OPENING OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 18

REFS: A. STATE 297930 B. MOSCOW 17949

1. PLEASE INFORM SENATOR JACKSON'S OFFICE THAT I HAVE CONSIDERED SENATOR'S PROPOSALS REGRADING TVERDOKHLEBOV CASE, AS SENATOR HAS REQUESTED. IN MY JUDGEMENT IT WOULD NOT HELP TVERDOKHLEBOV FOR US TO INSIST OFFICIALLY ON ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL. WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT IF PUSHED, SOVIETS WILL RESPOND THAT TRIAL IS INTERNAL SOVIET MATTER IN WHICH USG HAS NO FORMAL STANDING. THIS, IN TURN, COULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE IN SOVIET BUREAUCRACY WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO DEMONSTRATE TO TVERDOKHLEBOV AND OTHER SOVIET DISSIDENTS THAT SUPPORT FROM ABROAD CANNOT ASSIST THEIR CAUSE.

2. BETTER APPROACH, WE FEEL, IS TO ENSURE THAT SOVIET SIDE IS FULLY AWARE OF DEPTH OF CONCERN IN US OVER TVERDOKHLEBOV'S SITUATION IN ADVANCE OF HIS TRIAL. EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY PROMINENT AMERICANS IN US PROVIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. EMBASSY WILL SEEK APPRO-

PRIATE WAYS TO DO THIS IN MOSCOW.

3. I AGREE WITH SENATOR THAT EMBASSY PRESENCE AT SITE OF TRIAL WOULD SERVE TO UNDERSCORE USG INTEREST IN CASE. I HAVE DIRECTED THAT OFFICER BE DESIGNATED FOR THIS PURPOSE AS SOON AS WE LEARN WHERE AND WHEN TRIAL WILL BE HELD.

4. WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. STOESSEL

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